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## 100 PAIRS

### FINE GOLD

# EYE GLASSES

\$4 per Pair, Worth \$6.

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# SPECTACLES!

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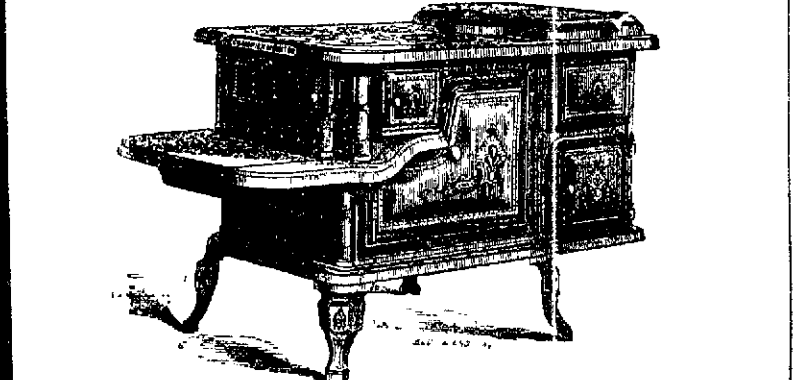
Our Gold Spectacles and Eye Glasses are all fitted with the Celebrated "Diamond" Lenses, and are the best goods in the market.

## O. E. CURTIS & CO.,

### LEADING JEWELERS.

W. L. FERGUSON. B. W. DILLEHUNT.

## NEW STORE--NEW FIRM!



## Ferguson & Dillehunt

Having taken the room lately occupied by the Decatur National Bank, NO. 18 WATER STREET, and having remodeled and refitted the same, have opened a Full Stock of

## HARDWARE!

TINWARE, CUTLERY, CARPENTERS' TOOLS, &c.

## Champion and Champion Monitor Cook Stoves

## ROOFING AND SPOUTING DONE TO ORDER.

## S. G. Hatch & Bro.

## Hats and Bonnets

### FOR EASTER.

## MISS HAWKES

Would be pleased to see her lady friends and customers. Respectfully,

### S. G. HATCH & BROS.,

20 East Main Street, Powers' Block.

## MRS. C. H. SMILEY,

### FASHIONABLE

## DRESS MAKER

Latest of all kinds of dress making, and is prepared to do all kinds of plain and fashionable dress making. All work first-class and guaranteed.

## P. PERL,

### Funeral Director

Funeral Director, 23 East Main Street, Decatur, Ill.

## EMBALMER

## FUNERAL DIRECTOR

TERMS:  
For week, payable to Carrier, 15 Cts.  
One year, in advance, \$7.00  
Six Months, " 3.50  
Three Months, " 1.75

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 24, 1883.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

#### TOWNSHIP ELECTION.

We are authorized to announce JOHN R. WILLIAMS as a candidate for town clerk, subject to the decision of the Republican convention.

We are authorized to announce FRED J. SWIN as a candidate for assessor of Decatur township, subject to the decision of the Republican convention.

We are authorized to announce JAMES S. CARTER as a candidate for township collector, subject to the decision of the Republican convention.

We are authorized to announce WILLIAM BENDIS as a candidate for overseer of highways in District No. 3, Decatur township, subject to the decision of the Republican convention.

We are authorized to announce CHARLES C. RADLEY as a candidate for Township Collector at the ensuing April election.

#### CITY ELECTION.

We are authorized to announce WILLIAM J. L'AMIE as a candidate for city clerk, subject to the decision of the Republican convention.

We are authorized to announce C. O. JENSON as a candidate for city treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican convention.

We are authorized to announce J. J. H. YOUNG, JR. as a candidate for city clerk, subject to the decision of the Republican convention.

We are authorized to announce DAVID HUTCHISON as a candidate for reelection to the office of city auditor.

We are authorized to announce CHARLES M. DUFFLE as a candidate for city clerk, subject to the decision of the Republican convention.

We are authorized to announce CHARLES H. FILLER as a candidate for city clerk at the ensuing municipal election.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

#### Water in and see the Novelty Baby Carriages at

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co's.  
244 1/2

Caldwell has the best hard coal in market. P. O. Block. 244 1/2

My residence, corner of North Main and King streets, is for sale. Possession could be given in 60 days from date of sale. Wm. J. QUINLAN.

March 1-16W  
To-morrow will be Easter.  
Cold and frosty again this morning.  
Easter eggs will be kings to-morrow.  
Base ball playing will soon commence in Decatur. It will be lively this season.  
Easter Monday Barry & Fay's comedy company at the opera house.

PATRONIZE Niedermeyer's grocery store on the Mount. Prices very low.

ERDEN BLACK received a warm welcome in Decatur. He returned to Clinton last evening.

Ask all leading dealers in the city for Schroeder's Bohemian cigars. Sold always at a nickel each.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Franklin Priest is being held at the tabernacle this afternoon as we go to press. The attendance of friends is quite large.

Those holding invitations should not fail to attend the ball to be given Monday night by the members of the Cigar-maker's Union.

JUSTICE CURTIS has had a private telephone line put up connecting his office with his residence and Curtis & Co's jewelry store. The simple transmitters cost \$4 each and will remain in possession of the owner.

The Danville News has a bonanza this year in the election announcement line. There are 21 candidates in the field there for city office, eight of whom are out for city treasurer. For township offices there are 13 candidates announced.

It will pay to try it! It will pay to buy it! It will prove conclusively that Priest & Co's four possesses the merit they claim for it. Mar. 22-dawt

MANAGER HAINES says that he will guarantee one of the most laughable entertainments of the season on Monday evening, by Barry & Fay's comedy company.

MR. OLIVE COAL Co's coal makes no clinkers; burns up clean. To be had only at Vonnigerholz's Coal Yard. Mar. 15-dt

LEAVE orders for fresh butter, fresh eggs in any quantity, and family groceries, at Stooker & Penwell's store in opera block.

"DEVIL'S AUCTION" Wednesday evening next. The lithographs in the windows tell what may be seen.

CALL at Pope & Bro's grocery store in opera block for first-class goods, delivered free to any part of the city.

FARMERS in Decatur to-day say this has been a very hard week on the winter wheat.

WOOD BROS. have a fine line of Easter goods. Mar. 24-3w

The champion Irish comedians, Barry & Fay in their extremely laughable comedy, "Irish Aristocracy at Muldoon's Picnic," at the opera house on Monday evening, the 26th.

ENTER in your diary to go to Venice, Milan and the Italian Lakes, Tuesday, April 10th.

PARIS, the magnificent, Wednesday, April 11th.

LONDON, from the top of an omnibus, Thursday, April 12th, 1741

MR. OLIVE COAL takes the lead everywhere. Leave orders at P. Ullrich's grocery store. March 15-dt

THE Terre Haute Gazette says that Colonel R. G. Harvey retired from Indianapolis & Evansville Straight Line enterprise unscathed, so far as his plucky qualities are concerned, yet the opposition to his building the road has been strong from the beginning, and it is hardly probable he ever could have built it. Mr. Harvey still believes there is money in the Illinois Midland road, and it is hinted that his next move will be to form a syndicate to buy that property.

WILSON BROS.' Shirts made to order at B. Stine's. 144 1/2

SEE the new Berlin cooking ware, at Ferguson & Dillehunt's. (mar.12-dt)

Spring and summer clothing now on exhibition at CHEAP CHARLEY'S.

EASTER EGGS in great quantities at Mar. 3-3w

CALL at J. W. Tyler's harness shop for any sort of first-class repair work at low prices.

A NON-PARTISAN nominating convention will be held in Whitmore township on Tuesday afternoon. The Republicans in Long Creek will nominate township officers on Wednesday. On Monday the Prohibition League of Macon will nominate township officers.

### THE FREE MAIL DELIVERY.

A System that Decatur Can Have, but Not Until the Mouses are Numbered.

In conversation with Capt. R. P. Lytle, our postmaster, we learn that he has made application to the postoffice department at Washington, asking that Decatur be given the free delivery system of mail matter, on the ground that the Decatur office during the past two years has done a business each year exceeding \$20,000. The claim is a just one and under the law we are entitled to the delivery system, so that we can have our letters and papers delivered without cost at our places of business and at our homes. But in order to secure this wished-for benefit all the business houses and residences in the city on every street within the limits of the town must be numbered, so that the carriers may find the proper addresses with as great speed as possible. The numbering of the houses is all that the government requires of the city, and before the system is given to this point, this demand must be met. In a few days a special agent of the postal department will visit Decatur to consult with Postmaster Lytle and the city authorities about the matter. In order to expedite things the city should proceed at once, and commence figuring on the cost of numbering the houses.

#### A Saving of \$100.

It will be remembered that 90 feet of the north end of the old county bridge above the water works was carried away by the high water on February 13. The break has been repaired with new timbers and a new floor has been put down, placing the bridge in a better condition than ever before. In order that travel might not be impeded the commissioners thought it best to make the repairs without giving ten days' notice and letting the job out by contract. The result was that the work of making the repairs was commenced on Tuesday morning, March 20th, and on Friday, March 23d, Captain Allen passed over the bridge in his road cart. In the space of four days the work was completed, the cost of material and labor not exceeding \$350 per lineal foot, being a saving to the tax-payers of the township of \$100. The cost of similar work done in past years has been \$4 to \$5 per lineal foot. All of which I respectfully submit to the city and Decatur township.

T. L. ANTRIM.

#### FRANCING STALLIONS.

The Brennenman & Bro. Circus Parade of Fine Stock.

The advertised public street parade of the celebrated Norman and Clydesdale stallions, from the Elm Grove stock farm of D. W. Brennenman & Bro., was made to-day. It attracted the admiring attention not only of all the farmers in the city, but also of all our townspeople. In the parade were noticed the following stallions, which will "make the season" in Decatur and at different points named in the advertisements:

"Highland King," imported Clydesdale, a dapple grey, 17 hands high, four years old, weight 2400 pounds.

"Lord Darnley," imported Clydesdale, a seal brown, 17 hands high, 3 years old.

"Monarch of the East," imported Clyde, a dark bay, with star in face, weight 2100 pounds.

"Kilmory," imported Clyde, a light bay, nearly 3 years old, weight 1800 pounds.

"Mount Stuart," imported Clyde, a bay, 16 hands high, nearly 4 years old, weight 1700 pounds.

"Bajaret," imported Norman, a jet black, 16 hands 2 inches high, weight 1800 pounds.

"Niger," imported Norman, a jet black, 17 hands high, weight 1980 pounds.

"Turk," a Clydesdale, a dark chestnut, 16 1/2 hands high, 5 years old, weight 1700 pounds.

"Stoner Boy," a trotting stallion, a blood bay, 15 1/2 hands high, with star on forehead, and two white hind feet.

"George W. Patchen, Jr.," a roadster stallion well known in this section.

The parade was a stunner, and served notice on the public that Brennenman & Bro. have the finest lot of stallions owned by any firm of breeders in the west.

#### A Brass Band in Church.

Peter Perl informs us that the Grand Army of the Republic brass band has been engaged to furnish instrumental accompaniment for the congregational singing at the German Lutheran church, on Easter Sunday, at the forenoon service. The members of the band have been practicing very industriously since the organization was effected, and they feel competent to tackle any selection the leader may hand them. In a few weeks the band will purchase new uniforms.

STANDING ROOM was at a premium again at the Rev. Harrison revival meeting last night, and the usual interesting service was conducted by the "boy preacher." The altar was crowded again with seekers, and there were a number of conversions. It is not known how long the revival will be kept up. Rev. Harrison will give notice in the pulpit two weeks before hand as to when he will take his departure for Boston. The jubilee and union services will be held at James' Chapel on Sunday. Regular revival at the usual place.

AFTER a long season of dumbness the tongue of the REPUBLICAN telephone instrument commenced wagging again to-day. Most of the instruments will be in working order to-night, or by Monday next.

#### A Card.

The Herald of to-day tries to cast a reflection on a worthy and competent operator in the Western Union office, in its reference to a message received from Coal City by way of Peoria yesterday. The message was received in Decatur exactly as it was sent from Peoria, and it was twice repeated the same way at Peoria. As the investigation showed the error occurred in the transmission of the message from Coal City to Peoria, and the Decatur office was in no wise blameable. The same paper represents that there was "weeping and wailing" on account of the Peoria mistake. The facts are, the young lady who received the message was in anything but a doleful mood, because she was to all appearances jolly as ever when she called at the office. But the paper referred to had to make a mountain out of a mole hill as usual.

Justice.

To Close Out.

Spring Wreaths at half original cost. Big 18. 24d&w

CHEAP STORE.

### The Death of an Early Settler.

The news was received in Decatur to-day of the death of Mrs. Mary T. Miller, in the 75th year of her age, which occurred at the home of her son-in-law, Frank Groves, near Litchfield last (Friday) night. The deceased was one of the earliest settlers of Macon county, coming here from Tennessee as far back as fifty years ago. Her first husband was Henry Wheeler, brother of ex-Sheriff Wheeler, and her surviving children by the first marriage are Mr. Jack Wheeler, of Harriestown, and Mr. Samuel Wheeler, of Decatur. The second husband of the deceased was David Miller. The surviving children of the second marriage are Mrs. Abram Travis and Mrs. Lavinia Kramer, of Decatur; Mrs. George Oron, of Decatur; Mr. John H. Miller, of Wheatland township, and Mrs. Lettie Groves, of Montgomery county. It was the request of Mrs. Miller that she be buried near Litchfield. The funeral will probably take place on Sunday. Until about five years ago Mrs. Miller resided in this county, on the old home place north of the city.

#### The Christian Church Revivalist.

The Rev. W. G. Black, the celebrated revivalist of the Christian church, paid Decatur a visit yesterday, and delivered a sermon at the Christian church before a large congregation. Rev. Black is a stoutly built and fine-looking man, with long, black hair, smooth, full face, and apparently about 40 years of age. He was introduced by the pastor, Rev. Pinkerton, and basing his sermon on the 8th, 9th and 10th verses of the second chapter of Nahum, and the 7th, 8th and 9th verses of the third chapter of the same book, Rev. Black preached a powerful and scholarly discourse proving the divinity of the bible. The theme was one of wide range and was handled in a way that was both instructive and convincing. The evangelist is one of the most distinguished and successful preachers of the church. He recently closed a very profitable meeting at Watsoke, and is presently carrying on a successful work at Clinton, to which place he returned on yesterday afternoon. Decatur was not disappointed in hearing Rev. Black. He is a gifted divine, and in the opinion of those who heard him, the secret of his success is his faith, his earnestness and his eloquent arguments.

#### The City's New Pump.

The fire and water committee and others in authority last evening heard the reports of the experts, Mr. Bold and Mr. Stafford, as to the acceptability of the new Clapp & Jones pump, which it received will cost the city \$3,750. Mr. Stafford reported: "As a practical engineer I have examined the machinery of the pumping engines and find they are very substantially built. When making 70 to 80 revolutions per minute no jar was observed. But there is a defect in the working of the pump on the east side. There is a knock or jar that Clapp & Jones should remedy in order to make the pump noiseless. I would also call attention to the cut-off. This should be made more substantial on the east side. The rods tremble when the pump is run at great speed. When these changes are made I can cheerfully recommend the pump." Mr. Bold made about the same objections to the pump except that the cut-off is defective. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr. Faries be added to the committee of experts and that they decide what changes should be made, before the fire and water committee makes its final report to the council. Mr. Clapp, who went east last night, stated that he is willing to make any alterations that may be necessary, and that in case the Decatur experts cannot agree he will submit the pump to a test to be made by outside experts. The council should not be rushed in accepting the pump. It should be thoroughly tested, until it is learned beyond a shadow of doubt that it fills all the requirements, and can furnish the pressure desired. Clapp & Jones have drawn on Decatur for \$7,000 but of course the money will not be paid over until the authorities accept the machine. The council will abide by the decision of the experts, Stafford, Bold and Faries, as to what changes shall be made.

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

Will O. Taylor is home from St. Louis. Miss Nona Barger arrived in the city to-day from Clinton.

George A. Challis will spend Easter Sunday at Lafayette, Ind.

L. L. Burrows will return home from Europe in June or July.

Mrs. Holderman has been dangerously ill for a number of weeks.

E. D. Bartholomew is favorably spoken of for alderman of the second ward.

Born, this morning, on West Cerro Gordo street, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Easton, a son.

Mrs. J. L. Cruikshank will open a day boarding house at No. 34 North Church street, about April 2d.

Mrs. R. Robertson, proprietress of the well-known Robertson House at Joliet, is in the city visiting Dr. Cole and family.

Hon. Jason Rogers, who is now a member of the Judiciary committee of the senate, in place of ex-Senator Adams, elected to congress, arrived home from Springfield last evening.

W. F. Harten will manage the floor at the cigar makers' ball Monday night. He will be assisted by L. W. Fribourg, Messrs. Morelock, Swartz, Hubert, Johnson, Schmale and Paeo.

Peoria Journal: Charles Flynn, manager of the Peoria Red base ball club, is expected home to-day. He will bring with him Fusselbach, who will play catcher for the reds the coming season. Fusselbach played with the St. Louis Brown Stockings last year and is one of the best men in the country.

#### Removal.

D. Dustman has removed his stock of furniture from his old stand, on the north side of the park, to the room on Merchant street, one door north of Henry Lyon's grocery store, where may be found a full line of all kinds of furniture—bedsteads, tables, chairs, parlor and bedroom sets, and everything usually found in a first-class furniture store. Mr. Dustman understands the furniture business in all its details, and is a good man to buy from. 23-d&w

#### Just Received.

300 dozen Hosiery, comprising every grade, kind, quality and color in the market. We offer them at prices that cannot fail to attract consumer's attention. CHEAP STORE.

Big 18. 23 d&w

### Interesting Extracts from a Recent Letter Written by Mr. L. L. Burrows. Now in Europe.

FLORENCE, March 6th.—An hour's ride from Naples brought us to Pompeii, and we spent three hours walking around among the ruins of that ancient city which, until recently uncovered, lay buried under an avalanche of lava from Vesuvius for 1800 years. Up and down the streets we went on the original pavements, in and out of the old palaces and dwellings, still showing much of their old splendor of architecture and decoration. It was hard to realize its actual age and history. Everything has been cleaned of the lava and it remains to-day a deserted city, every house of which is more or less preserved. Of course the movable articles found in the houses have all been removed to the museums, such as marble and bronze statues, household furniture, elegant mosaics, hundreds of human forms and animals also. The stores and contain their marble contents, and in the houses are to be seen marble fountains, bath tubs, earthen jars, &c. Nearly every house is frescoed more or less, and some most elaborately, and these are well preserved. A night's ride from Naples brought us at 6 a. m. to this the center of Italian art, and we have been cultivating the old masters in the galleries here to the best of our ability ever since we arrived. Our first day we spent mainly in the Uffizi gallery and some few of the most noted churches. We had a letter of introduction to a promising young Chicago artist who has spent the past three years here, and to whose kindness and artistic knowledge we are much indebted for assistance in seeing the art treasures here. Upon his invitation we had the pleasure of spending a charming evening with a selection of some "fine blue" artist's canvases, among them Mr. Larkin Mead, the designer of the Lincoln monument, who was much pleased to find that I was personally acquainted with G. O. Oglesby, and desired to be most kindly remembered to him. This afternoon we went up at the Pitti Palace, and have had the benefit of our Chicago artist friend's knowledge in pointing out to us the most valuable pictures and statuary. Oh, what sights! If one can only remember a fractional part of it all it will be an education in itself. We have much to see here yet, and shall proceed from here to Venice when we have had a little more of this the cleanest Italian city we have yet seen in.

#### THE CHURCHES TO-MORROW.

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Services at 10 1/2 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor. Subject of morning discourse: "The salvation of the risen Christ to Mary Magdalene." Session meets in the lecture room at 9 1/2 a. m. for the purpose of receiving members. Sunday School at 2 p. m. All cordially invited.

#### CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Preaching to-morrow by Rev. Pinkerton. Subject of morning discourse, "The Resurrection as a Fact." Evening theme, "The Lessons of the Resurrection."

#### STAFF'S CHAPEL.

Union Methodist services will be held as follows at the Chapel: Love feast beginning at 9 a. m.; preaching at 10:30 by Dr. Davies; jubilee meeting at 3:30 p. m., when an opportunity will be given to unite with the church. Sabbath School at 2 p. m.

#### FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

Sunday School at 2 p. m.; young folks' meeting at 6:30; regular revival service at 7:35.

#### Decatur at Mendota.

We have received a marked copy of the Mendota (Ill.) Reporter, containing the following mention of the tile works established near that place by William Traver and George Stare, of this city:

MENDOTA TILE CO.—This company is composed of Messrs. Wm. Traver, George Stare and George H. Kohl, who intend to make the manufacture of tile in this city a success. Mr. Traver is a potter by trade and has been making tile for twenty years. The company find the clay for manufacturing in the immediate vicinity of the factory. All of the machinery is now on the ground and the company will begin to turn out tile about the first of May. Two kilns are now in the course of construction, and two more will soon be built. This is an industry that has long been needed in this community and will meet with liberal patronage.

"There can be no doubt about the utility of the clay for manufacturing tile, because Mr. Traver took a quantity to his kiln and gave it a thorough test, which convinced him that it was good for the manufacture of tile as any clay in the state.

#### Fine Beef.

John Blenz, the well-known butcher, whose markets on the city park and on East Eldorado street, are among the best in the city, has purchased three head of fine steers from J. H. Pickrell, which will be on the blocks on Saturday and Monday, at both markets. Persons wanting choice steaks or roasts should call as early as possible, as there will doubtless be a rush for cuts from these splendid animals. 23d

#### Corsets.

In varieties and quantities to suit the most fastidious. We buy this class of goods from the manufacturers direct, and aim to get, when attainable, the latest and best in the market. See and price them. We sell them exceedingly low. Big 18. CHEAP STORE.

March 23-d&w

#### DIED.

In Whitmore township, on March 23, 1883, of inflammation of the bowels, Mrs. MARGARET NEIN, wife of George Nein, aged 51 years. March 15-dt

#### MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

The Closing Quotations at W. W. Wilcox's Commission Rooms, at 1 p. m. To-day.

CHICAGO, March 21.  
WHEAT—\$1.05 1/2 Mar; \$1.05 1/2 Apr; \$1.10 1/2 May; \$1.15 1/2 June.  
CORN—March 31; Apr 30; May 60; June 60.  
OATS—39 1/2 Mar; 39 1/2 Apr; 42 1/2 May; 42 1/2 June.  
PORE—\$1.50 Mar; \$1.50 Apr; \$1.50 May; \$1.50 June.  
LARD—\$11.00 Mar; \$11.00 Apr; \$11.00 May; \$11.00 June.  
RECEIPTS. Shipments. Car Load.  
WHEAT—4,413 27,591 80  
CORN—4,413 27,591 80  
OATS—12,421 124,070 130  
RATS—9,281 1,171 28

#### NEW YORK, March 21.

WHEAT—\$1.18 1/2 Mar; \$1.18 1/2 Apr; \$1.21 1/2 May; \$1.21 1/2 June.  
CORN—65 Mar; 65 1/2 Apr; 65 1/2 May; 65 1/2 June.

#### TOLEDO, March 21.

WHEAT—\$1.11 Mar; \$1.11 Apr; \$1.14 May; \$1.14 June.  
CORN—54 Mar; 54 Apr; 54 May; 54 June.

## NEW SPRING GOODS!

### GREAT ATTRACTIONS

—AT—

## Linn & Scruggs'

—IN—

## DRY GOODS,

## WALL PAPERS and CARPETINGS.

Special and Great Bargains in Foreign and Domestic Dress Goods, of the Newest Styles.

Tapissier Freres' Grease-Proof Silks, and good wear guaranteed.

Hosiery direct from the Importers and Manufacturers, that are Beautiful and Cheap.

Kid, Lisle and Silk Gloves, in all lengths and shades.

Laces, Ribbons, Dress Trimmings and Embroideries, in Great Variety.

Our Corset Department is, without exception, (as any one can perceive), equal to any establishment of the largest cities, while our Prices are Lower.

Zephyrs, Yarns, Embroidery Silks, Knitting Yarns, Port Monies, Satchels and Trunks.

GENT'S FURNISHING GOODS, embracing Hose, Shirts, Drawers, Handkerchiefs, Scarfs, Ties, Collars, and Cuffs, in which we can save purchasers a large per cent.

Dress Gingham in beautiful colorings, at very low prices.

Calicoes, Percales, Bleached and Brown Warps, Table Linens and Towelings, Quilts, Cottonades, Cassimeres, Tickings, and Housekeeping Goods of EVERY DESCRIPTION, at Lower Prices than can be found anywhere.

Please Note One Fact, That Linn & Scruggs NEVER misrepresent Prices—so that Bargain Hunters may always rely upon one thing: That the Largest and Best Assortment, Best Goods, and Lowest Prices, can at all times be found at

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